superior Police Officer, either the District or Assistant Superintendent of Police, being ordinarily present at Divisional headquarters to deal with emergent matters.

Administration of the Stamp Manufactory.

331. **MR. MURUVELIL PACHU PILLAI** (*Shertallai*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Account Officer has any hand in the administration of the Stamp Manufactory at present (23-8-1104), and, if so, the nature of the same?

MR. K. N. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Financial Secretary to Government*): The member is referred to Rules 1 to 3 of the Rules issued under Sections 78 and 79 of the Stamp Regulation dated 20th July 1905, copy of which is available in the Council Library.

Laws' Delays and Territorial redistribution.

332. **MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN** (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they propose to depute any agency for enquiring into and reporting on the question of Laws' Delays and Territorial redistribution; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, what will be the constitution of such agency and the scope of its enquiry?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) A recommendation has been received from the High Court to depute a Judge of the High Court to enquire into Laws' Delays and in that connection to go into the question of the redistribution of the territorial jurisdiction of the Civil Courts in the State. This is engaging the attention of the Government.

(*b*) In view of answer to part (*a*), this does not arise.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): With reference to the answer to part (*a*) of the question, may I know the date on which the recommendation from the High Court was received by the Government?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): I cannot exactly state the date. It may be about 8 or 9 months back.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): May I know whether the Government have considered at least the constitution of the agency to be appointed?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): The report is under the consideration of Government.

Laws' Delays.

333. **MR. A. THANU PILLAI** (*Trivandrum*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have any proposals for lessening laws' delays, and if so, what?

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MR. P N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): The member is referred to the answer given to part (*a*) of question No. 332 by Mr. A. S. Damodaran Asan.

Redistribution of the Territorial Jurisdiction of Courts.

334. MR. REVATI NAL RAMA VARMA RAJA (*Edavagai*): With reference to the statement made by the Law Member in reply to a cut motion brought by me in the last Budget Session of the Legislative Council that the High Court have in view a scheme for a general redistribution of territorial jurisdiction of courts, will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) how far the scheme the High Court has in view has matured;

(*b*) whether the High Court has submitted any scheme before the Government;

(*c*) if the answer to part (*b*) is in the affirmative, the nature of the action they have taken on it; and

(*d*) if they have not passed any scheme, whether they will call for it and take action on the same?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*), (*b*) and (*c*) The High Court have suggested the deputation of a Judge of the High Court to enquire into Laws' Delays and in that connection to go into the question of the redistribution of the territorial jurisdiction of the Civil Courts in the State. The question of this deputation is engaging the attention of the Government.

(*d*) In view of the answer to parts (*a*), (*b*) and (*c*), this does not arise.

Working of the Municipal Council, Trivandrum.

335. MR. REVATI NAL RAMA VARMA RAJA (*Edavagai*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the accounts of the Municipal Council, Trivandrum, have been audited in 1102;

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, why the Account Officer did not publish a report on its working as he has done in the case of mofussil Municipal Councils; and

(*c*) whether they will order the office concerned to publish a similar report on its working for the information of the public?

MR. K. N. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Financial Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) The answer is in the affirmative.

(*b*) and (*c*) A separate report will shortly be published.

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